

CLAIMS

- 1/ A topical cosmetic composition comprising nicotine  
in the form of a mixture with at least one  
5 cosmetically acceptable vehicle, characterized in  
that the nicotine is free nicotine.
- 2/ The composition as claimed in claim 1,  
characterized in that the free nicotine represents  
10 between 0.001 and 0.5% by weight of the  
composition.
- 3/ The composition as claimed in either of the  
preceding claims, characterized in that it is in  
15 the form of a gel, oily gel, cream, ointment,  
milk, lotion, balm, spray, emulsion, patch, stick.
- 4/ The use of the composition as claimed in one of  
the preceding claims, for reducing or limiting any  
20 localized excess fat of the cellulite type in  
particular.
- 5/ The use of the composition as claimed in one of  
claims 1 to 3, for improving the firmness of the  
25 epidermis.
- 6/ The use of the composition as claimed in one of  
claims 1 to 3, for combating skin aging.
- 30 7/ The use of the composition as claimed in one of  
claims 1 to 3, for improving the softness of the  
epidermis.
- 8/ A method for the cosmetic treatment of local  
35 excess fat of the cellulite type in particular,  
according to which an effective quantity of the  
composition which is the subject of one of  
claims 1 to 3 is applied locally, by the topical  
route.

- 9/ The method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the quantity of nicotine released is between 0.3 and 3 mg per application.